

"Braided Streams"

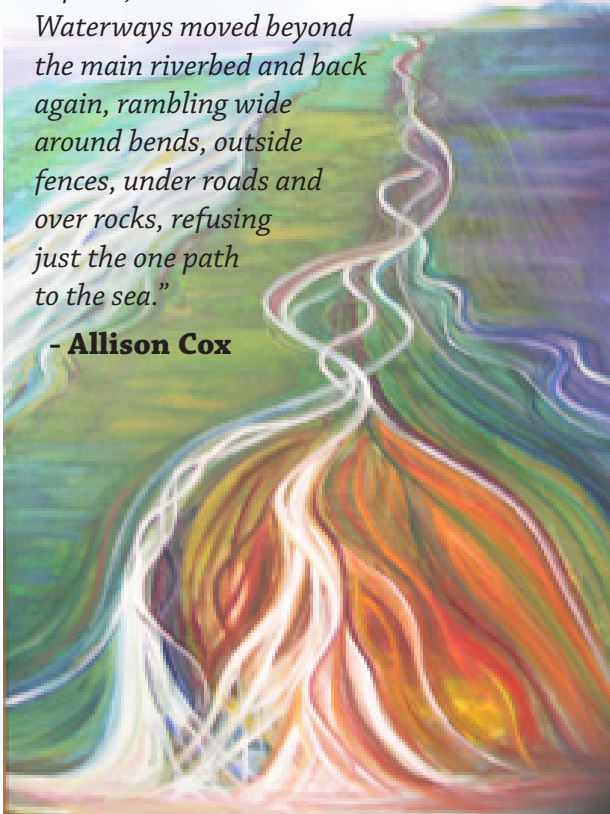
An evening of stories

Friday, September 29th at 7:30 pm
Trinity/St. Mark's Church

"... I looked down to see islands veined with streams shining in the sun, crisscrossing back and forth, one over the other.

Waterways moved beyond the main riverbed and back again, rambling wide around bends, outside fences, under roads and over rocks, refusing just the one path to the sea."

- Allison Cox



Such explorations beyond the expected course are held in each of this evening's stories for adults.

You may hear a Maori tale of courage or an Irish tale of reconciliation.

Join storytellers Allison Cox, Mary Dessein, Janet Dowling and explore the borderlands. Return somehow changed.

About the tellers

Allison Cox

www.dancingleaves.com/allison/



Allison Cox offers stories that touch the heart, heal the soul and celebrate our diversity. She has been telling stories professionally for over 24 years. She combines her love of story with her experience as a health professional, engaged in substance abuse prevention work for the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department in Washington State over the last 15 years. Allison is also the co-editor and contributing author of "The Healing Heart" books on storytelling as a healing art. She travels across the land and sea performing, teaching and interviewing other storytellers for her next books. Since she dreams in color, she tells tales of all hues.

Mary Dessein

www.marydessein.com

Addiction counsellor by day, storyteller/musician by night, Mary Marguerite Dessein tells tales of tragedy, triumph or risqué adventure using only her voice and harp.



Mary has a Washington State and national certification as a chemical dependency professional and is a graduate of the University of Washington. She has worked in the addiction field for over 15 years and currently manages the adult and youth Drug Court programs for Catholic Community Services. She is also a host of Global Griot, a unique radio program of stories and music, Sundays 8-11 a.m. on KSER Everett 90.7 FM

Janet Dowling

www.janettellsstories.co.uk



Special guest, all the way from England! Janet specializes in telling stories to inspire, to create and to make a difference. She tells stories from around the world, and from just down the road next to where you live. Vibrant, and colourful, her only prop is the imagination of the listener. Her stories are carefully chosen to promote diversity and improve self esteem, and are thoroughly researched across cultures. In the workshop she will be focusing on grief in the context of substance abuse.

"Close to the Edge"

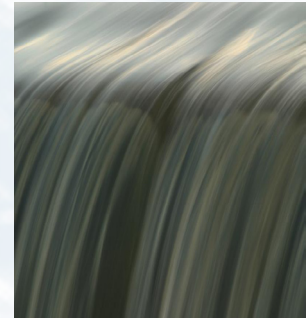
A Workshop on Storytelling
For substance abuse prevention
and intervention

Saturday, September 30th
9:30am – 4:30pm
Trinity/St. Mark's Church

Stories allow listeners to make meaning, test risky choices and safely explore sensitive issues.

This workshop will illustrate the therapeutic groundwork and process that story telling and listening offer as a prevention/intervention tool for drug and alcohol issues. The tellers will guide the participants through a combination of stories, interactive discussion and processing exercises that have proven useful for their work in the prevention and intervention field.

- Discover stories useful in this field and relevant to all levels of tellers.
- Learn how to create a safe environment for telling.
- Share important trends in successful prevention and intervention methods, along with their relevance to storytelling.
- Learn how to cope with issues relating to grief and bereavement through substance abuse.
- Collaborate in designing prevention & intervention story programs and exercises for all ages.
- Hear stories that address a number of issues salient to this focus that can be told to various age groups



Who will benefit:

- Educators, health professionals, clergy, youth advocates, parole officers, social workers, counsellors.
- Storytellers (beginning and advanced)
- Anyone who works with adults or youth who are at risk for these issues.
- Anyone who wants to incorporate story as a method of intervention for recovery.

Location

Trinity/St. Mark's Church
Second Avenue and Larch (in Kitsilano)

Registration information

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH 7:30 PM

Reserve by September 25th \$22
After the 25th \$25

"Close to the Edge"

All day workshop

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH 9:30AM - 4:30PM

Reserve by September 25th \$110
After the 25th \$120

Both the Stories & the Workshop

Reserve by September 25th \$120
After the 25th \$135

Tickets available at the door or by reserving
a place on the phone
(604) 876-2272

AND mailing a cheque - payable to:

Vancouver Society of Storytelling

#2 - 246 East Broadway,
Vancouver, BC, V5T 1W3

*Cheques postmarked up to Sept 25th will be given the
early bird discount. We will call you to confirm receipt
of your cheque. (Prices include GST)*

These events are fundraisers for Vancouver's 15th
International Storytelling Festival to be held
February 1-4, 2007!

*There are restaurants in the neighborhood, but please
feel free to bring a boxed lunch to the workshop.*

Cancellation policy:

If you cancel the workshop before Sept 25th, you will receive a full refund LESS \$10 for processing.
If you cancel the workshop on or after Sept 25th, you will receive a 25% refund.
If you cancel the evening performance, we are sorry, but there can be no refund.
If we cancel either or both events, you will be refunded all of your money.

About the VSOS

The Vancouver Society of Storytelling is committed to the development and encouragement of storytelling as an art form and to increase the public's appreciation of storytelling and oral traditions. There is a strong commitment to multiculturalism and service to the storytelling community.

The Society was founded in 1991, as a non profit organization. We receive a combination of government, private and some corporate funding, for which we are profoundly grateful. Donations and new members are always welcome.

The VSOS is a member of the Vancouver Cultural Alliance, the Community Arts Council of Vancouver and the Vancouver Multicultural Society.

In addition, the VSOS is linked with other storytelling organizations across the country and internationally, sharing information, stories and storytellers.

www.vancouverstorytelling.org

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